

EJ Webinar Series for Houses of Worship/Faiths on Environmental and Public Health Topics of Interest

Free & Open to All Houses of Worship and the Public

Learn how Sustainable Landscaping and Gardening provides Positive Impacts to your Health, Environment, Community and House of Worship

January 25, 2023, 6:30-8:00 PM EST

Registration link: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_H9s46ID3TpK5R9bAd67g3Q

This webinar will focus on how Houses of Worship can use landscaping and gardening to improve the environment and public health in and around their place of worship. Beneficial landscaping, community vegetable gardening and pollinator gardening can provide cultural, social, and environmental benefits to the faith community and help make the regional landscape more sustainable and resilient to climate change. The use of these practices also can help restore and enhance the local ecology, reduce water use and soil erosion, help mitigate flooding and reduce urban heat island impacts. This webinar will cover how these approaches and techniques can be used to meet the tenets of faith-based practice within the context of the broader community goals. A series of presenters will introduce the concepts of sustainable landscaping and provide examples of how these concepts have been implemented by the faith community. A 30-minute question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Presenters:

- Robert Goo, *Office of Water, US EPA*
- Rob Gladfelter, *Refugia Design, Narberth, PA*
- Karen Webster, *Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church, Murrysville, PA*
- Jacque Salomon, *Seeds to Inspire, Phoenix, AZ*
- Reverend Zach Hopple, *Pastor, Christ United Methodist Church, Lansdale, PA*
(Welcome & Introductions)
- Danny Gogal and Ericka Farrell, *Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. EPA*
(Facilitators)

The following is an additional EPA resource created to support faith communities in their efforts to address environmental and public health concerns: [Supporting Healthy Houses of Worship Guide](#), and [EPA Resources for the Faith Community](#). For questions about this webinar or the EJ Webinar Series for Houses of Worship please contact Danny Gogal, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, EPA, gogal.danny@epa.gov.